

MINUTES

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
First Floor Community Development Conference Room
7447 E. Indian School Road
October 9, 2003
5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Cathy Johnson, Chairperson
Nancy Dallett
B.J. Gonzales
Doug Sydnor
Janet Wilson (arrived at 5:10 pm.)
Ed Wimmer

Absent: Kathy Howard

Staff: Bob Cafarella
Don Meserve
Debbie Abele, HPO

INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

MINUTES

Chairperson Johnson stated that the minutes of September 11, 2003 regular meeting stood approved as presented.

Commissioner Wimmer stated the joint meeting minutes reflect that he attended the meeting but should reflect he was not in attendance.

Chairperson Johnson stated that the minutes of September 11, 2003 joint meeting stood approved as amended.

EAST VALLEY COALITION

Chairperson Johnson stated that she read through the joint meeting minutes and felt it was a very productive meeting. She further stated that Tempe and Mesa were extremely enthusiastic about having another meeting in three months. She inquired if the Commission would be interested in having meetings on a quarterly basis.

Commissioner Gonzales stated he felt the meetings were very informative and would allow them to work in a concerted effort.

Commissioner Dallett stated it is important to see what other commissions have done and increased communication between cities allows the HPC to see where other commissions need support.

Chairperson Johnson stated the Mesa Committee approached her regarding having Scottsdale's commissioners speak at a Mesa City Council meeting in support of an endangered building on their list.

Chairperson Johnson noted that Janie Ellis received several thank you letters for allowing the joint meeting to be hosted at her property.

The consensus of the Commission was that they would like to continue to meet with Tempe and Mesa.

RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONERS DOUG SYDNOR AND JANET WILSON FOR TWO TERMS OF SERVICE AS COMMISSIONERS AND AS TASK FORCE MEMBERS.

Mr. Caferella recognized Commissioners Doug Sydnor and Janet Wilson for two terms of service as commissioners and Task Force members. He thanked them for all of their hard work and dedication in helping with the evolution of the Historic Preservation Program in Scottsdale. He reported they both have done an amazing amount of work behind the scenes and they know they will continue to help behind the scenes.

Chairperson Johnson reported they would be missed.

Commissioner Sydnor stated he has served on a couple dozen boards and commissions over the last 20 plus years and he has truly enjoyed serving on this Commission because he felt they have made a difference. He further stated that he hopes future commissioners continue to improve and refine the program. He concluded he has received a lot of satisfaction serving on the Commission.

Commissioner Wilson stated she would echo Commissioner Sydnor's comments, and was sorry her son had not arrived in time to hear all the compliments.

Commissioner Wimmer stated he would like to thank these two people for the groundwork they have laid for the rest of the commissioners.

Commissioner Gonzales stated it is amazing how much time these two people have spent serving on boards and commissions over the years. He commended them for all they have done for the city.

Chairperson Johnson thanked them for their service on the commission and task force.

UPDATE ON OWNER MEETINGS AND SCHEDULE FOR POTENTIAL DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES

Ms. Abele provided an update on the meetings with the owners of the downtown properties that are being reviewed for potential historic property designation. She reported on the meeting with the joint trust and family members for the Sugar Bowl property. The family members are very supportive. She further reported she talked with Rick Simonson and his assistant regarding the Simonson building and that they have been supportive in the past and are still supportive. She noted the First Baptist Church Office on Osborn, owners of the northwest corner of Scottsdale and Main, has agreed to let them come to a Building

Committee meeting with the managers of the property to explain the benefits of the designation. The Legacy Galleries owner and tenant in the building is interested but has not said yes or no because she is not sure of the future of the city. Staff sent an information packet to the owner of Pischke's/RA and the owner indicated he did not have a feeling one way or the other but would review the materials.

Mr. Meserve reported they would have the initiation hearing on these properties at the November meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historic Register Committee

Commissioner Wimmer, co-chair reported they toured 10 neighborhoods by City van on September 27th to investigate them for designation of Post World War II neighborhoods. He further reported the next step is to have the committee meet with staff, get more information, and take a closer look at each neighborhood.

Ms. Abele reported there is a Building on Success meeting at the Civic Center Library on October 15th that she has been asked to speak at. She would suggest the Historic Register Committee change their meeting from October 15th to October 29th to allow them to attend both meetings. Some Commissioners expressed interest in attending the October 15th event at the library. The consensus was to change the Historic Register Committee meeting to October 29th at 5:15 p.m.

Education Outreach Committee and Newsletter

Commissioner Wilson reported the October Education Outreach Committee meeting was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2003, and she will be out of town. She further reported traditionally a commissioner member Chairpersons the committee so they need someone to step up.

Commissioner Wilson stated they have the materials for the newsletter and it will go out on a quarterly basis. They have decided to hold up on sending out the newsletter until after the new commissioners have been appointed by City Council so they can include their names in the newsletter.

Chairperson Johnson inquired if the newsletter would be sent out by email. Commissioner Wilson stated they have not discussed that but they can look into it.

Commissioner Wimmer inquired if it was possible to have it posted on the city web site. Mr. Meserve responded that was good idea and that the newsletter could be posted on the web. Commissioner Sydnor suggested also sending the newsletter to Tempe and Mesa Commission/Committee members.

REPORT FROM CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON

Chairperson Johnson reported the City Council is scheduled to consider appointments on October 14, 2003. She further reported she sent out an email to the council members letting them know how thankful they have been to have Doug Sydnor and Janet Wilson as commission members and that they will be losing a lot of knowledge. Their hope is that the Council would appoint two new members who are as qualified. She noted the Mayor indicated that they would take these appointments seriously. She further noted Cynthia Lukas also expressed her support of the commission.

Chairperson Johnson discussed the responses she received from Council regarding the Parking Structure letter. The telephone response from the Mayor indicated Council is very concerned and very aware that they would like the new parking structures to accommodate the Old Town feeling or blend and be

compatible and work well with the historic areas. She reported she also received a letter from Councilwoman Lukas stating Council would request that any improvements on Brown Avenue respect the historic integrity of the streetscape.

Chairperson Johnson provided an update on the SHPO Post World War II Building Context Study being researched and drafted by Bill Collins, noting it would go out for peer review around Christmas time and would go out to the public soon after that.

HPO/STAFF REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Abele stated on October 23rd staff has planned a training session on for the HPC on the roles and responsibilities of HP Commissioners. She further stated if the new members were not available, they would reschedule the training session to a date when every Commissioner can attend.

Ms. Abele reported the Commission could see a presentation at the regular meeting in November on the Multi Family survey results.

Ms. Abele reported on September 23, 2003, Taliesin West went to the City Council to receive funding assistance and as part of the terms of receiving funding, Taliesin West is going to be designated a historical property (HP) and placed on the Scottsdale Historic Register. She further reported staff would like to schedule this item for the Commission's consideration in December. The City has 90 days from September 23rd under the terms of the agreement to form the district boundary and initiate an HP overlay zoning case. She noted staff would be working with Taliesin West's representatives and attorney.

Commissioner Sydnor remarked if Ms. Abele stated they have 90 days to form the boundary district, how does that relate to the typical six months to run through the 15 steps for designation and the required zoning hearings. Ms. Abele stated they would initiate a zoning case in 90 days, but they don't have to have the designation report prepared and all the public hearings completed in 90 days. She provided information on the process the City would need to go through for Taliesin West. Mr. Cafarella noted the incentives in the approved development agreement would be phased based on performance.

Ms. Abele reported, in response to a comment in the last meeting about materials being sent through email, all future attachments would be sent to the commissioners in both word and a PDF format so both PC and Macintosh users can open and print the documents.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Sydnor requested an up date on training staff has conducted for the Planning Commissioners, noting there are a lot of new faces on that Commission. Ms. Abele stated they are scheduled to meet with the Planning Commission in January to review the process used by the HPC and the City for identifying, designating and placing significant local resources on the Scottsdale Historic Register.

Commissioner Sydnor provided additional information on the Building on Success project scheduled for October 15th, where Debbie Abele is one of four speakers. He reported the primary mission of the consultant group sponsoring the forum is to develop a marketing plan to promote downtown Scottsdale and southern Scottsdale.

Ms. Abele reported she would be speaking on October 15th on the fact that historic preservation needs to be part of the strategy. Commissioner Sydnor suggested that Ms. Abele provide the commissioners with a

copy of her speech. He also so suggested sending a copy of the speech to the Economic Vitality Department.

Commissioner Gonzales stated the County Assessor records contain a classification for historic houses and buildings, and that those properties can receive a property tax reduction.

Commissioner Dallett stated one thing that was brought up at the Statewide Preservation Conference in Chandler, a few months ago, was that some states had funded studies on the economic impacts of historic preservation. She further stated she would like to find out which states have that fund. Ms. Abele stated she would provide the Commission with a copy of that list. Mr. Meserve stated the HPC could put that topic on a future agenda for a report and discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA AND MEETING ITEMS.

Ms. Abele stated at the November meeting the Commission would have the opportunity to discuss the design guidelines for Craftmens Court in a work session, in preparation for the HPC considering approving the guidelines in December. The Commission would also have a presentation in November on the Multi Family survey results, which have been submitted to SHPO in September.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

For the Record Court Reporters

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